

Whitehall.

HAY,
May, 1937.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit for your information my ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1936.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Register-General's estimate of resident population, 1936, was 2,006.

Area, 31,414 acres.

Number of inhabited houses, end of 1936, according to Rate Books, 532.

Rateable value, £6,998.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £33 12s. 4d.

The occupation of the inhabitants is purely agricultural, chiefly sheep farming, especially in the hilly districts. There is a small residential population. No occupation has an adverse influence on public health.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

			Total	Male	Female	Birth-rate per 1000 estimated resident- population 21.4
Live Births:	Legitimate	- -	41	25	16	Rate per 1000 births (Live & Still Births) 22.7
	Illegitimate	- -	2	1	1	
Still Births:	Legitimate	- -	0	0	0	Death-rate per 1000 estimated population, 13.4
	Illegitimate	- -	1	1	0	
Deaths	- - - -	- -	27	18	9	
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:						Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis				...	0	0
No. 30 Other Puerperal Causes				...	0	0
Total				...	0	0
Death-rate of Infants under one year of age:						
All Infants per 1000 live births				...	46.5	
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births					48.7	
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births					0	
Deaths from Cancer				...	5	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)				...	0	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)					0	
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)					0	
Deaths from other causes—						
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.			...	2	Senility	... 2
Heart Disease			...	8	Nephritis	.. 2
Other Circulatory Diseases			...	1	Other Defined Diseases	... 4

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) *Medical.* Dr. W. W. Wilson, M.B., Ch.B., a part time Medical Officer.

(b) *Others.* Mr. Price, a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute, is your Sanitary Inspector. He combines with this duty that of Road Surveyor to your Council.

Nursing in the Home. No changes have occurred in the Nursing arrangements in the District, which continue efficient and satisfactory.

Laboratory Facilities. Same arrangements continue as in former years for Bacteriological examination of Throat Swabs and specimens of Sputa. Arrangements have been made for the Bacteriological analysis of samples of milk submitted from time to time.

Legislation in Force. No local acts or bye-laws were adopted during the year.

Hospitals. No changes have occurred in Hospital services available for the district. Hereford General Hospital is made full use of for general and complicated maternity cases.

Ambulance Facilities exist as in former years.

There are no Clinics or Treatment Centres in the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supplies. All Water Supplies have been well maintained, except at Painscastle which is a private one.

Drainage and Sewerage. No action has been found necessary.

Rivers and Streams. No action has been taken to prevent pollution, nor does such seem necessary.

Closet Accommodation. Same Condition as in previous years. No action has been found to be necessary.

Public Cleansing. House refuse and cleansing of privies is left to the individual occupier. It appears to be efficiently done.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Schools have been regularly inspected, good water supplies exist in all cases except Llandilo-Graban. Water is carried from a Well some distance away. New drainage for surface water has been installed. Closet accommodation, in general, pails which are regularly emptied and kept clean.

(a) Number of inspections during the year	...	...	...	...	48
(b) Nuisances	...	...	...	...	3
Notices issued—					
(a) informal	..	...	...	...	3
(b) statutory	...	...	...	..	0
Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	2
„ outstanding	...	...	...	...	1
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	0
Cowsheds—					
Number of persons registered	...	..	...	...	22
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	24
Infectious Diseases—					
Number of enquiries	...	...	...	...	0
Number of houses disinfected	...	...	...	...	0

HOUSING.

The cottage at Glasbury has been dealt with by the owner and is now in order.

1. *Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	48
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose	..	...	...	...	...	48
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	5
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	8
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	6

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.*

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal actions by the Local Authority or their Officers.	3
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

(a).—Proceedings under Sect. 17, 18, and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	0

(b).—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice—	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	0

- (c).—Proceedings under Sect. 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... 0
- (d).—Proceedings under Sect. 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) *Milk Supply.* Farms and Dairies have been inspected from time to time. Of the 22 registered Dairies and Milk Shops only six supply milk in any quantity. Samples have been taken from these twice in the year. Bacteriological Reports show improvement in the standard of cleanliness.

(b) *Meat and other Foods.* There are no registered Slaughter-houses in the District. No food is stored or exposed for sale in any quantity.

(c) *Adulteration.* No action has been taken.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There have been no epidemics in the district during the year.

Provision for the isolation of Infectious cases is made as in former years at the Hay Isolation Hospital which during my term of office has proved adequate for the district.

DISEASE.				Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	..	...	...
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...
Pneumonia	...	...	...	I	0	0
Other Diseases generally notifiable	...	...	...
Other Diseases locally notifiable	...	...	...

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.		New Cases.				Deaths.			
		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 year	...								
5-	...								
15-	...								
20-	...								
25-	..				I				
35-	...								
45-	...								
55-	...								
65 and upwards	..								
Totals	...				I				

No action was taken under P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. WALLACE WILSON.

